Hi everyone in schools and public libraries
With five weeks to go before reading for the 2008 Challenge ends for 2008 here is the latest news …..

Completing the 2008 Challenge
There are five weeks remaining to encourage all students to finish the challenge for this year and for them
to gain that sense of achievement from knowing they completed what they set out to do. It would be
appreciated if you could especially encourage Aboriginal students in your school to finish the challenge and
as part of the focus on increasing literacy skills of Aboriginal students.

New for 2008 – List of Previous Student Awards for your School
Next week, every school that participated in the Challenge in 2007 will receive an email listing all students
who completed the challenge at your school in 2007 and the award they received so you will know what
each student is up to. It will be emailed to the first school contact person for each school. Of course it won’t
include new enrolments to the school in 2008 – they will be listed at their previous school. It will include
students who have left your school this year but you do not need to do any follow-up with these students. If
you are aware of any students who don’t appear to be listed as receiving the correct award please contact
me as soon as possible and before you enter data this year.

Key dates
5 September 2008
• Reading finishes for the 2008 Challenge
• All Student Reading Records given to School Contact Person
• Home Education Student Reading Records sent to the Project Manager
8 -19 September 2008
• All student data entered into EDSAS for DECS schools and via the website for non-government
  schools
• Student Reading Records sent to the Project Manager ONLY if requested
November 2008
• Student awards - certificates, bronze, silver, gold and champion medals arrive in schools for school
  presentations early in November
• Premier’s Reception for invited schools with outstanding achievement of students completing the
  Challenge

Preparation for Data Entry 2008
• Links to Fact Sheets with all instructions for data entry are available on the PRC website in the FOR
  STAFF section – click on the drop down DATA ENTRY. Please follow the Fact Sheets carefully and
don’t use last year’s fact sheets as there are some slight changes.
• It is recommended that you keep Student Reading Records in class groups as you collect them
• When you enter your total school enrolment numbers include all students Reception to Year 9 who
could have reasonably completed the Challenge for 2008. For example if there is a new enrolment
some time during third term the student may not have time to complete the Challenge before week 7
so you would not be required to include the student in the total numbers.
• DECS schools can begin to enter data through EDSAS any time this term. The change for 2008 is
  that Total School Enrolment numbers will be entered on EDSAS, not through the website like last
  year. If you share EDSAS with another school please note the following: If there is already
  enrolment data entered that your school did NOT enter this may mean your school shares your
EDSAS with another school or campus, eg campus schools or junior primary and primary schools or a group of small schools. DO NOT delete the enrolment numbers – just add yours to the total that is there already.

- **Non-government schools** can begin to enter data once you have received your logon and password. Input of data will be through a link on the website in the FOR STAFF section. The school contact person from each non-government school will be emailed a username and password during the week ending 7 September 2007. For security reasons, the login and password will be sent to you in two separate emails. As soon as you receive your username and password you can begin to enter data following the steps on the fact sheet.

- Work in small batches of 50 or so and submit quite often using the completed PRC button.

**Students who have completed the Challenge for 2008 and have now left your school**
If you have already collected a Student Reading Record from a child who has since left your school, you can either enter the record at your school and forward the award when it arrives, or pass on the Student Reading Record in plenty of time for the new school to be able to enter the record with all the children from the new school.

**Public Libraries**
If you know of Home Education families who are participating in the challenge please remind them to send in the completed Student Reading Records by the 5 September 2008 as you see them coming through the library. All details of where to send the forms are on the Student Reading Record.

**Statistical sample**
A sample of schools has been selected to send in a hard copy of all Student Reading Records to the project Manager so that a sample of books students are reading for the challenge can be entered centrally. I will let you know if your school has been selected by letter and I will make sure that different schools are selected than in previous years of the challenge. All records will be returned to you once data entry is complete.

**URGENT - Children who have changed from a non-government school to a DECS school**
If you are aware of children who have completed the challenge in previous years in a non-government school who now attend a DECS school, please let me know their new EDID number so it can be added to the student’s record to make sure the correct award is given this year. This is very important to maintain continuity of their awards and will prevent having to follow this up after the awards are presented.

**Generic Certificate for Premier's Reading Challenge Activities may be useful in Term 3 and 4**
A certificate has been designed to use for activities associated with the Premier’s Reading Challenge. **It must be noted that this certificate is NOT to be used as the official Premier's Reading Challenge certificate. The official certificate will continue to be awarded by the Premier in November to students achieving the Challenge for the first time.** This generic certificate might be presented, for example, by a principal, a classroom teacher, a public librarian, a literacy coordinator or a teacher librarian in recognition of achievement associated with the Premier's Reading Challenge. It could be presented to a student, a teacher or even a parent for recognition of activities associated with the Challenge.

The certificate is available on the Premier’s Reading Challenge website in FOR STAFF and then click on the dropdown GENERIC CERTIFICATE.

Many schools have created their own certificates to cover a variety of situations and you are still most welcome to use these.

**Website**
**Ideas from Schools**
- PRC takes over the Olympics at Playford McAuley School

**School and Library visits in second term**
- Immanuel Primary School – Aurelio Vidmar

If you would like activities/celebrations from your school or public library to appear on the Premier’s Reading Challenge website please email me a sentence or two and a photo so the ideas can be shared.

**PRC Banner Bookings to coincide with your school’s award presentations in Term 4**
Banner booking times are still available for some weeks in 2008 for schools and public libraries and can be booked by downloading the form in the FOR STAFF section of the PRC website.

**New idea: Tips from teachers and school contact people**

Do you have a tip which you think is worth sharing with staff in schools and public libraries?

- Making sure students fill in Students Reading Records as they go
- Finding ways to make sure that students don’t lose Student Reading Records
- Getting students and teachers to submit Student Reading Records on time
- Any other good ideas

Please email me the ideas which will be listed in the next Update and details will be included on the FOR STAFF section of the website.

**Award Presentations**

Certificates and medals will be distributed to schools early in November, 2008. You may like to think about how you will present your awards at your school some time in November and whether you will invite a Member of Parliament or a local identity to be involved with the presentations. Ambassadors are already organised for award presentations.

**Books in other Languages**

You can now go to the Little Big Book Club site and have *Boom Bah!* read to you by Phil Cummings and other people in nine languages.


You can also listen to *Cat* by Mike Dumbleton in 9 languages.

Have an enjoyable Book Week

Kind regards

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